DocDB Comments

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- General Comments

- User Interface Issues
  - Some specific "nit picks"

- Improve Search

- "Requestor" concept is confused

- Event Management

General Comments

- **It ain't broke, so don't fix it**
  - ➤ Too much
- **Keep it simple!**
  - ➤ Maybe even make it simpler
- **IMHO: DocDB does not need world-class event management**
  - ➤ InDiCo/JACOW
- **These comments are mine alone.**
  - ➤ Reviewed with J. Slaughter and B. Brown
  - ➤ They are, well, nicer people than I

Some User Interface Issues

- Various outright bugs/spelling issues
  - ➤ Already conveyed to E.V. & fixed
- Too many options presented to user
  - ➤ Google front page is wonderful!
  - ➤ "Novice" vs. "Expert" UI?
  - ➤ UI development experts/artists???
- Individual user logins might be a useful option, long-term
  - ➤ Already there?
- Store repeated information?
  - ➤ In cookies

Document Modifications
Proposed

Main Menu

Instructions

Your Account

Customized Create/Modify

Customized Add Files

Useful notes

About DocDB

Create a new document

Change an old document

Change/insert a Document or an Event in some other way

Search

- Meta search across many/all DocDB instances at Fermilab
  - Especially for authors
  - Can there be a central author database for all Fermilab DocDB instances?
  - Pre-Google searches: Search all the searches and present the compiled results.

- One search bar that has the smarts to figure out what you mean
  - A la Google and other search engines

Requester

- <u>Everyone</u> is confused by this entry the first time

- Performs three roles:
  - Requester
    - *The person who asked to have this document put into the DB*
  - Submitter
    - *The person who actually enters the document into the DB*
  - Primary Author
    - *In a multiple-author document*

- #2, Submitter, what most experts prefer
  - Eliminate the others or
  - Make a new concept to handle them

Events

- **IMHO: This is not a DocDB core capability**
- **Other products do this job better**
  - No reason to spend time inserting advanced capabilities into DocDB
  - InDiCo could become de facto agenda software here
    - *Adopted by ILC, it seems*
    - *I'll be pushing it in AD*
    - *InDiCo can store its documents in an external DMS*
      - *Like DocDB, of course*
- **If it is kept**
  - Should make events hierarchical
    - *More than about 20 events: un-parsable!*
    - *E.g., AD → Mechanical Support Meetings → Weekly Engineering Review Meetings → February 1, 2006 meeting*
  - Simplify UI
    - *For me: Error prone setups*

Elliott's Conclusions

- ## It ain't broke, so don't fix it

- ## "Requester" is confusing
  - ➢ Change it, redefine it, whatever.

- ## Events are difficult
  - ➢ Does DocDB really need this?
  - ➢ Other products do it better
    - • *InDiCo*